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Applicant : Jeffrey P. Rios et al.  
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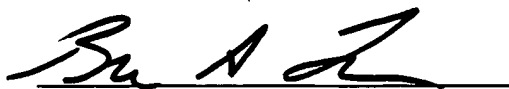
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as specified below. Attached please find the following:

1. Amendments to the Claims (pages 2-4); and
3. Remarks (page 5).

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